

**MINUTES OF THE  
OKLAHOMA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (OACIE)  
REGULAR MEETING FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2018  
JULY 25, 2018, 10:00 A.M.**

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OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM)  
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Chair Lucyann Harjo**

*Chair Lucyann Harjo* called the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education meeting to order at 10:06 A.M., the purpose of the regular meeting is to meet “at least quarterly” provided by 70 O.S. § 3-173(D) per Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education Act.

**2. Meeting Quorum**

**(A) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HOST**

Chair Harjo thanked the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) for serving as the host for the regular meeting of the third quarter of 2018.

**(B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Greg Anderson; Esther Bell; Robert Bible; Todd Crabtree; Judy Davis; Lucyann Harjo; Rhonda Hayworth; Cori Gray; Joy Hofmeister; Lisa John; Mary McCormick; Jim Parrish; Paul Pinkerton; Shoshana Wasserman; 14 present

**Absent:** Lori Hamilton; Jana Roth; David Walkingstick; Matt Higdon; 4 absent

**Appointments:** (1) Cori Gray appointed as Oklahoma Department of Career Technology Education designee replacing Becki Foster to represent Dr. Marcie Mack; (2) Julian Guerrero Jr. appointed as Oklahoma State Department of Education designee replacing Dwight Pickering to represent Superintendent Hofmeister.

**(C) GUESTS:** Lisa Nelson, Director of Student Preparation at Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; Debbie Hogue-Downing, Retired Educator; Dr. Kathy DeerInWater, Director of Special Projects and Research at American Indian Science and Engineering Society; Brian Hendrix, Deputy Secretary for Oklahoma Native American Affairs; Quinton Roman Nose, Executive Director at Tribal Education Departments National Assembly; Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy Superintendent for Academic Affairs and Planning at Oklahoma State Department of Education

**3. State Superintendent Remarks**

**Superintendent Joy Hofmeister**

*Superintendent Hofmeister* welcomed another quarterly meeting of the Council and mentioned her gratitude for those participating in the Oklahoma Academic Standards: Social Studies revision process. *Superintendent* announced the Oklahoma ESSA State Plan has been approved, very few changes made from the original submittal, the plan reflects the voice of all stakeholders and focuses on all students growing. *Superintendent* expressed her gratitude for those efforts to continue the improvement of the statewide tribal consultation process.

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**4. (Action) Discussion to approve or disapprove OACIE minutes for Regular Meeting on April 18, 2018 (Q2) Open Floor**

*Council member Hayworth* made a motion to approve minutes, with a second from *Council member John*. Voice vote conducted; *MOTION CARRIED 13 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 1 IN THE ABSTENTION BY MEMBER MCCORMICK (13-0-1)*

**5. Discussion of current issues, goals, and updates related to American Indian Students**

**(a) 2017 Annual Report to OSBE July 26, 2018 Chair Harjo**

*Chair Harjo* presented both written and PowerPoint versions of the 2017 Annual Report on Indian Education, added priorities of the OACIE at the beginning of the report, whereas normally at the end of the report. The report focal points included, but not limited to: statewide U.S. Department of Education Title VI funds, U.S. Bureau of Indian Education Johnson O'Malley funds, Section 8538 Affected LEAs for Tribal Consultation, highlighting collaborations between Tribal Nations and Schools, Oklahoma Indian Education Resource professional development, State-National AI/AN ACT composite scores, Tribal Colleges/Universities Update, and Tribal Gaming Exclusivity Fee Revenues Impacts.

**(b) Academic Affairs and Planning Updates Dr. Cindy Koss**

*Dr. Cindy Koss* highlighted the June 26, 2018 Tribal-ICAP open collaboration that involved Oklahoma Native Youth Community Project grantees to increase equitable college and career readiness for AI/AN students. Highlighted three ICAP kickoff meetings throughout the state, also shared information about Math Teacher Circles and culturally responsive curriculum through the mathematics discipline.

**(c) Office of American Indian Education Updates Julian Guerrero Jr.**

*Council member Guerrero* shared two documents – (1) June 08, 2018 clarification letter to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education regarding common questions for more guidance regarding ESSA Sections: 6114(c)(3)(C), 6114(b)(7), 6114(c)(4)(A)(ii) versus 8538(c)(2)(a/B), and 8538(a). *Council member Guerrero* shared the responses from U.S. Office of Indian Education regarding a critical clarification between “representatives of Indian Tribes” and “Appropriate Officials” of Indian Tribes as defined in ESSA. The second document was a preview of the Oklahoma “Engaging with Sovereign Nations” template for planning the next stages of the Oklahoma Tribal Consultation process, will begin to comprehensively plan further with OACIE throughout the entire process.

**(d) OACIE Capacity, Agenda, Process, Collaboration Chair Harjo**

*Chair Harjo* asked the questions: What are OACIE primary goals, objectives and overall focus to accomplish the duties of the OACIE and how to increase the diversity in tribal input and increase collaboration with more school districts. *Council member Guerrero* highlighted O.S. 70-3-173 regarding the delineated responsibilities charged to the OACIE, and sending materials one to two weeks early before the actual OACIE regular meeting date. *Council member John* concerned with great presentations and information but doesn't go anywhere, wants to be able to insert more functionality for information to be disseminated beyond

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the OACIE, especially those presentations found critical by the OACIE for sharing. *Dr. Cindy Koss* suggested a newsletter that can go out to the OACIE, teachers, etc. in a quarterly nature and help ascertain that functionality. *Council member Guerrero* suggests a function where OACIE endorses material and wants it to be shared via the GovDelivery. *Council member Wasserman* urges more efficient timeline with meetings and keeping items “on time,” expressed concern with acronym-centric and during dissemination it’s important to be mindful of those accessibilities. *Vice-Chair Parrish* expressed concern around using and understanding testing results for FY 2018, streamlining when that critical information needs to be shared to build on bridge-building conversations. *Dr. Cindy Koss*, suggested that a deep-dive for the OACIE should be assessment in the October OACIE quarterly meeting. *Chair Harjo* suggests a deep-dive into a certain quadrant of the State, inviting tribal leaders to attend OACIE, supported by *Council member McCormick*, and present information that is important to their tribal jurisdictions. *Council member John* suggests the OACIE invitation to come from the Superintendent’s office and letterhead should invitations be sent to tribal leadership. *Council member John* also expressed disappointment of the current OAS: Social Studies revision recommendations not including explicit recommendations from OACIE, would like for that not to be missed again next revision. *Council member McCormick* presents statements regarding need for more information and reaffirms the duty of the OACIE to be prioritized in communication. *Council member Crabtree and Davis* acknowledged seeing an email invitation for the OAS: Social Studies revision process. *Council member Parrish* highlighted the involvement of OACIE indirectly and directly with the entire State Department’s efforts to increase and improve relationships. *Council member John*, reaffirms that the OACIE should still submit a recommendation sheet for the OAS: Social Studies revision process. *Council member Guerrero motions to move to item 4(e) for sake of time, seconded by Council member John to move to item 4(e); Voice vote; MOTION CARRIES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS TO ITEM 4(E);*

#### **(e) Legislative Updates**

*Council member Crabtree* announced teacher pay raise passed, mentioned contingency plans for partial raises versus full raise and presented information on the Oklahoma Supreme court decision regarding the raise.

#### **6. Public Comment**

#### **Open Floor**

*Dr. Kathy DeerInWater (American Indian Science and Engineering Society)* open invitation to the 2018 National AISES Conference at Cox Convention Center first week in October, aiming for local and regional interest with total attendance of 2,000 participants.

*Lisa Nelson (Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education)* announced Matt Higdon’s retirement and her promotion to Director of Student Preparation, awaiting confirmation and appointment from Chancellor Johnson. Announced fall workshops available via OSRHE website to talk about the ACT, activities/events with student preparation regarding Oklahoma Promise.

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*Debbie Hogue-Downing (Retired Educator)* announced Indigenous Peoples' Day state legislation by State Representative Chuck Hoskin, passed the House and Senate, however vetoed by Governor.

**7. Closing Remarks**

**Open Floor**

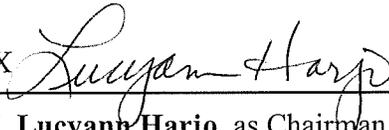
Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018

**8. (Action) Adjournment**

**Open Floor**

*Council member Judy Davis* made a motion to adjourn, with a second from *Council member Todd Crabtree*. By a unanimous voice vote, the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education (OACIE) adjourned official business. *MOTION CARRIED 14 IN THE AFFIRMATION, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, AND 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (14-0-0).*

Minutes provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education: Office of American Indian Education, on behalf of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education on July 25, 2018 and were passed (*passed/rejected*) on OCTOBER 24, 2018

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I, **Lucyan Harjo**, as Chairman of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education (OACIE) hereby certify these minutes to be true and accurate as approved by the Council members who were present, in official quorum as provided by Oklahoma State Statute.

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